

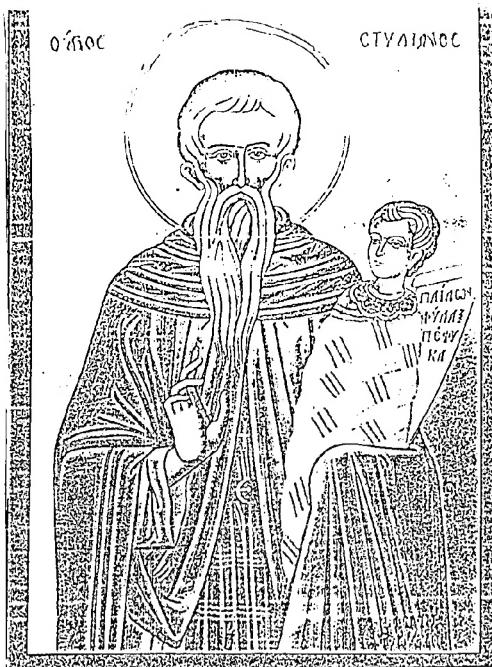


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Monthly Magazine

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Well, here we are again at the end of another year; and with this, comes EXAMS ! For those of you in the middle of exams or just beginning, we would like to wish you all the very best of luck in your results and also in your future studies.

This year there are many GOSPYANS finishing their courses, and for those of you who are graduating, we would like to wish you every success and happiness in your future careers.

Once again we have arrived at the time of year when many of us are finishing high school; and so to those, good luck and we hope you achieve your goals.

Since our last issue, GOSPYA has had an exciting time with our last few events. Firstly, we had our third trivia which proved to be another successful evening with everyone having a great time. Inside this issue we see a photo of the winners !

However, perhaps the most elegant and important event of the GoSPYAN social calendar was the annual Debutante Ball ! Congratulations to the lovely debutantes and their handsome escorts, and we hope that that evening was an enjoyable evening for them, and one they shall always remember. Everyone who attended the ball seemed to have an enjoyable evening and through a lot of hard work, it proved to be a success. So stay tuned for our special report with photos from the night.

The tennis tournament organised in conjunction with APYGON proved to be a great day, with our budding John McEnroes and Martina Navratilovas taking to the courts. Unfortunately, they.. were no match for APYGON 's Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graffs ! Nonetheless, everyone had a great time, especially as the losers found consolation over an ice-cream at Le Scoops.

Inside this issue we have all of our regular reports plus lots of photos from these past events. As well as that we have information about up and coming functions including a car rally and Trivia Night 4. We also have GOSYA News and a special report on the village of ASKLIPION. Know where it is....read on !

Once again good luck to everyone and look out for our Christmas edition of GOSPYAN NEWS !



HI EVERYBODY!

Fellowship has had another exciting and extremely interesting month!

Our third Trivia Night was quite a success, and everybody who participated enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

We would like to congratulate and thank all the groups for their participation in Trivia Night 3. Another such night is planned on Friday 30th of November at 7-30pm, so see you there!

A very big thank-you goes to all the people who helped in making the Trivia Night such a success.

Our regular fellowship nights are held fortnightly on Friday nights at the GOSP Centre, at 7-30pm, the next one being on Friday, the 23rd of November 1990.

Fellowship attendances are good and the topics discussed are very fulfilling and informative. Fellowship nights are truly very, very interesting.

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN ON THE DISCUSSIONS!!!

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GOSPYA Presents ...

TRIVIA GAMES NIGHT

TEST YOUR GENERAL
KNOWLEDGE WHILE HAVING
A GOOD NIGHT OUT!

To be held at

GOSP HALL		CREEK RD., MT. GRAVATT
ON	30 November 1990	
AT	7:30	P.M.

Fee: \$5 per person

Organize a table of 4-6 persons
And join in as a group of friends
or family.

Trivia Night Action!



The
Winners



The
Crowd



Father Constantine's Report

ON REPLACING WALLS WITH BRIDGES

TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE (GALATIANS 3:23 TO 4:15)

"There is neither Jew nor Greek (the dividing wall of nation and race); there is neither slave nor free (the wall of class hatred); there is neither male nor female (the barrier of sex); for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28).

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall, that wants it down," said Robert Frost.

The world today takes issue with these familiar words of Robert Frost. There is something that loves a wall, something deep within the heart of man. Christ may have torn down the walls separating us from God and from each other, but we continue to build new barriers because of our sinfulness.

In the past, there was the Great Wall of China, 1500 miles of it, built to keep out the Mongolian horsemen, which it failed to do. Then there was Hadrian's Roman wall in England to stop the Picts and the Scots; eventually it was overrun.

Today we have walls in the Middle East, Cyprus, Vietnam, India and Pakistan. We had the "Iron Curtain", the "Bamboo Curtain", and perhaps the most famous (or infamous) of all—the Berlin Wall.

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall," said Robert Frost. But it seems that he was very wrong. There is something in man that must love walls; for there are walls everywhere separating and antagonizing the human race.

Not all the walls in the world are made of brick and mortar. There are other kinds of walls, invisible walls, walls of suspicion and hatred; walls in the minds and hearts of men; walls between races; between young and the old; the haves and the have-nots, the liberals and the conservatives, labor and management; walls that block communication and separate parent from child, husband from wife, Christian from Christian, nation from nation, man from God. It is no wonder that someone has described our time as "the pathetic age of partition".

Walls between Parents and children

There are walls between parents and children. A certain father is having trouble "reaching" his teenage son. He speaks to the boy only in a complaining mood. He criticizes the boy's hair style, clothing, and companions. He finds fault with most everything his son says or does.

It may be a long time before this father "reaches" the boy. For he is building a wall with the bricks of bickering and the concrete of contempt. By his constant nagging he is making that wall all the more solid and higher. Like many other people, this father does not realize that the way to "reach" people is by building bridges rather than walls—bridges of careful listening and patient understanding.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Asklipion.

Who, what and where is Asklipion? If you were to consult an encyclopaedia, you would discover that Asclepius, the son of Apollo, was the ancient Greek god of healing and medicine.

Many places in Greece were named after Asclepius, all of which were ancient centres of healing, similar to hospitals today. The one in particular I would like to tell you about is Asklipion of Rodos, which is, surprisingly enough, found on the island of Rodos.

The history of Asklipion dates back to about 1100 - 1250 AD, when people first settled at Kiotari, the beach associated with the place. The church of the village, Kimisis Tis Theotokou, has an even longer history, with monks living there since at least 1060, the date which is found above the central door of the church. Around 1250, the occupants of the village by the sea moved to a site surrounding the church, and built their new village upon the slope of the mountain, on either side of a small creek.

The reason this village is so significant to us is because of the large number of people from the village who now live in Brisbane.

The first villagers came to Australia in 1924, when they started working in South Australia. They numbered about 20, and many left wives and children behind in Greece. This group of men faced many hardships in their struggle to establish themselves in their new country. In particular, the few that are still alive today speak often of the infamous salt mines, where many of these people worked in terrible conditions. The problems faced by these men is recorded in songs they wrote and sent back to the families they left behind in Greece. This song was written by Stauros Kazoullis around 1925 for his wife, Maria Diakomanoli Kazoullis:

Σήμερον δεκατέσσερεις έχουμε του Σεφτέβρη,
σου στέλλω το χαιρετισμόν κυρά νάρτη να σ' εύρη,
πούναι τημέρα του Σταυρού κι όλοι πανηγυρίζουν,
και μέναν τα ματάκια μου τρέχουν και δέ στραγγίζουν.

Είπα και εγώ στήν Εκκλησία νά πάω ο καημένος,
και από τον πόνο της καρδιάς φαινόμοιν πούμοιν ξένος,
έφιλησα τον τό Σταυρό και σκέφτησα εσένα,
και είπα Σταυρέ βοήθησε εις τά ξενητεμένα,
βοηθός νάσαι στό ταίρι μου, σκέπαζε τα παιδιά μου,
που ναι το καθε φάρρος μου, κάθε παρηγορά μου.

Evidently, his stay in Australia had a very large impact on Stauro, since he returned to Asklipion only a short time later, and donated all of the money he had accumulated to the Church. Ironically, post-war conditions later forced three of his sons to return to Australia, and two are living here today.

Those that remained in South Australia wandered throughout Australia, living in places as isolated as Kalgoorlie before eventually finding their way to the cotton fields of Queensland. Many settled in the country town of Biloela, where the Colossus association was founded.

Today, all but a few Asklipianoi in Australia are found in Brisbane, where they number around 400. Descendants of the village can be found in such places as the USA, Canada, Argentina, Zaire, Ethiopia, England and Switzerland. A large reunion was organized by the village's youth association in July and August of 1990, when hundreds of people made their way back to the village, many for the first time since they first left. Brisbane was represented by about 70 people at this reunion.

The village itself suffered during the years when almost all of its occupants were missing in foreign countries. Since the early 1970's, however, there has been a tendency for many families to return to Greece and stay. Only one or two families remain in the USA, and almost everyone has returned from Zaire and Switzerland. A few families have even returned from Australia and now live quite happy lives in the village. All people from Askliplio keep in close contact by means of a special magazine which is sent all over the world, the only exceptions being some people who have been "lost" due to poverty in such places as Argentina and Ethiopia.

If one were to visit the village today, one would see a very different one to that which these people left behind. The occupants have found wealth through tourism, especially the development of the seafront. The villagers have always welcomed strangers and readily take them into their homes. The village is known all over the island and is famous for its singers and poets, as well as several famous scholars, particularly its doctors.

If anyone from Brisbane were planning a trip to Rodos, it would be very neglectful of them not to visit the village of Askliplion. One is guaranteed to find someone from Brisbane there, and the beach of Kiotari is one of the best and cleanest on the island. If one is lucky, (s)he can witness one of the traditional ceremonies which have survived unchanged through the ages, largely due to the efforts of the youth of the village to revive and hold on to the songs and the special "Skripina" dialect of the village. Of particular beauty is the traditional wedding, which lasts for four days and has many beautiful songs and customs associated with it. The entire village, including visitors, is usually invited.



Stauros T Kazoullis.

These past few months have seen many important events for a number of GOSPYANS. Congratulations to those listed below for these happy occasions.

* Congratulations to Jim Focas and Maria Lentakis on their giving logo, and we hope you have every happiness in your future lives.

* Congratulations to Nick Fardoulis and Gloria Sclavos on their giving logo and we wish you happiness always for your future.

* Best wishes to George Semos and Koula Skordou on their engagement.

* Congratulations to Nick and Helen Lentakis on the Christening of their daughter, Eleftheria, and best wishes to the Nona, Maria Lentakis.

* Congratulations to Nicholas Inglis for his 21 st, and may this be the beginning of a happy future.

* Best wishes to Filip Pilloras on his 21 st, and good luck for the future.

* Congratulations and best wishes also to Niki Arkouzis on her 21 st.

* Best of luck to Eleni Castrisos on her 18 th, and may this coming year be a good one .

* Congratulations to Tony and Elena Collivas on their marriage on the 21 st of October, 1990.

* Congratulations and best wishes to Terry Bozikis for his enrollment to St Andrew 's Theological College.

Best Wishes

To all

From, G.O.S.P.Y.A.

Social Report

Oh wat a night! The glamour, the tension, the music, the dancing, the girls, the guys and the FOOD was GREAT!

On behalf of the Social and Debutante Committees, we'd like to congratulate the Debutantes and their handsome partners of a job well done on their big night together.

With our lovely young ladies who looked rather ravishingly stunning, with their flair of designer at heart dresses which made them up to be so glamorous. Also to their partners, well what can we say, you did your job ever so well and they did look rather handsome, if I could say so myself.

But I would also like to congratulate the Deb Ball Committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing for the Ball that night. I am sure you agree, it took a lot of preparation and organisation to keep everything under control. With proof of guests, friends and relatives of the Debs, it was a job well done and it was all well worth it.
13 October, 1990 Debutante Ball was A success and it showed.

CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN!

What's on the agenda for upcoming weeks you say? Well coming up is our mind boggling TRIVIAL PURSUIT NIGHT at GOSP CENTRE. 30 November, 1990 is the night. Come equipped with with a team of up to six and test your ninds with our upcoming Einsteins of the future. Bring along as many goodies also to feed your minds of knowledge. You might need it.

Tea, coffee and sweets will be served half way through the evening also.

Also on the agenda Sunday 9 December, 1990, we will be having our Car Rally. So keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information in the next update pamphlet.

So don't forget our TRIVIA NIGHT Friday 30 November, 1990.
Car Rally Sunday 9 December, 1990.

More functions will be notified so keep those agendas free.

See you all soon!

A large, flowing cursive signature that appears to read "Fritzy".

Fritzy Spero and John Vamvakaris
Social

*** SPECIAL REPORT ***

THE DEBUTANTE BALL.

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A night of elegance and formality was in store for those who attended GOSPYA 's Annual Debutante Ball, on Saturday the 13 th of October 1990 at the Greek Community Centre.

The crowd was treated to witnessing the introduction of six lovely debutantes in formal surroundings. These debutantes were : Eleni Efthimiou, escorted by Nick Vaitzas.

Maria Sclavos, escorted by Brett Arvanitakis.

Helen Hatzifotis, escorted by Avraame Solomon.

Kathy Pouflis, escorted by James Prineas.

Freda Pouflis, escorted by Luis Arvarenga.

Lisa D'argent, escorted by David Reis.

The girls were presented to Mr Jim Fouras, Speaker of the House and member for Ashgrove. Mrs Jan Castrisos was the Matron of Honour for this year 's ball and provided much support to the girls during their weeks of preparation. .

After months of organisation and planning the night had finally arrived when the girls had to take their big step. Even up to moments before their presentation to our guest of honour, the Debutante Ball committee was checking to see that everything would run smoothly. Fortunately, everything went according to plan and the evening turned out to be a pleasurable one that shall be remembered by all for a very long time.

Once the ceremony was over we were all served our meals and then some brief speeches were made by our president, our guest of honour and one of the debutantes. The girls not only presented a gift to the matron of honour but also to each member of the Ball committee in appreciation for their support. When all of the formalities were completed the remainder of the evening was spent enjoying the music of the Diplopennes.

A Debutante Ball requires a lot of work and support from many people. As every other year there were many people involved in the organisation of the Ball and on behalf of the Ball committee I would like to thank them all for their support. A special thanks must also go to our flower girls and page boys for their participation in the evening. Our Master of Ceremonies, Stavros Kazoullis must also be thanked for a job well done. I would also like to thank those who attended the ball and supported GOSPYA and the debutantes on their very important evening.

R. L. /

The Debantes



Eleni Elthimou and Nick Vaitsas.



Helen Hatzifotis
and Avraame
Soloma.



Maria Sclaros and Brett Arvanitoglis.



Kathy Poullis and James Princeas



Freda Buffis
and
Luis
Alvarenga



Lisa D'argent and David Reis

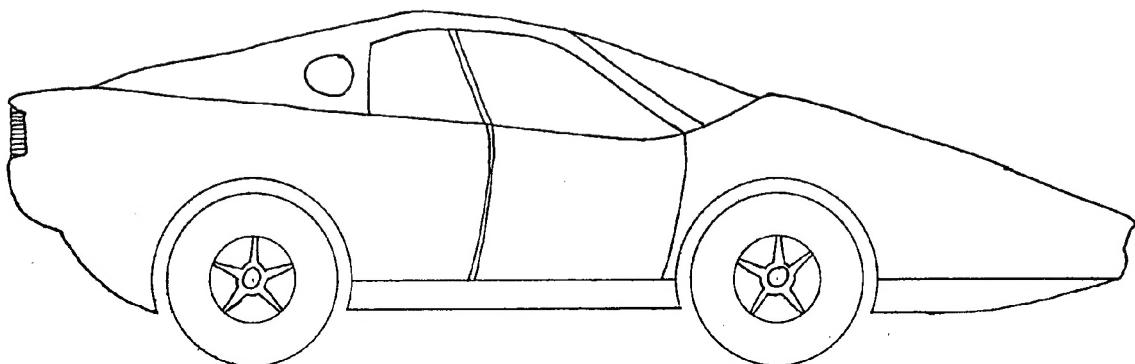


John Anthony, Melissa Bourboulos, Emmanuel Conias
and Penny Voitsos.



The Debutantes
of 1990.

The 1990 GOSPYA Car Rally



DATE: December ~~10~~¹⁶ TH.

START AT: GOSP Centre, Creek Rd, Mt. Gravatt.

START TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Cost: \$5 per person.
(including BBQ afterwards)

Bring your cars,
your street directories
and yourselves.

SPORT REPORT**PETER DELIBALTAS & JENNY SCLAVOS**

Its been a while since I've written a Sports Report so its probably about time to fill you in on all that has been happening lately. With summer here and the holidays around the corner, the spectator and player involvement in sport is on the increase.

Below are the updates for the GOSPYA sports currently on the move.

NETBALL: The girls from GOSPYA are still playing netball on a Monday night. I have been advised that things are going well for the girls, as they are performing quite well in the competition. As you all may or may not remember the girls had won all the games in the last regular season, only to be knocked out in the semi-finals. The girls haven't repeated their effort of last season to date, but they do have a good record which they intend to build on. Jenny Sclavos, who happens to be co-sports chairman, should be contacted for any further information on game venue and times for interested spectators.

BASKETBALL: GOSPYA has two teams playing at present, one at Auchenflower on Sunday nights and one at Carina Basketball Stadium on Tuesday nights. Most people are interested in the Sunday competition, in which varied support has been received. The team has won four of its five games this season, and are determined to win the elusive premiership this time round. Support would be appreciated and a draw appears somewhere in this newsletter. Since the holidays are here anyone interested in seeing a Tuesday night game should contact me (Peter Delibaltas). The Brisbane Bullets may have missed out this time around but GOSPYA certainly won't be.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT: A joint GOSPYA and APYGON Tennis Tournament was held this earlier this year. This annual event was heralded as a great success. A full report appears in this newsletter.

VOLLEYBALL: This is becoming the die hard sporting event in GOSPYA's history. A merry band of social butterflies still find time to smack a little white ball around the hall at Mansfield High School. However, with the holidays here an explosion of players will once again occur. Start time is approximately 7:00 to 7:30 and all are welcome. Hope to see you there!

TOUCH FOOTBALL: After a little hassle the touch football has commenced with a rather mixed reaction. GOSPYA has this year entered a team in the GOYA Touch Football Competition, with mixed success to date.

George Semos, has put together the team and also helped it along with some of his own sponsorship. The team has not got a fantastic record, but they are doing well considering the odds they are playing against. For more information regarding game times and venue contact Peter Delibaltas or George Semos.

That's all the sports news I have to date. I ask that you support our teams where possible as they do represent GOSPYA in the sporting arena. Finally, I wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

PETER DELIBALTAS (Sports Chairman)

TENNIS TOURNAMENT**PETER DELIBALTAS**

Early one Sunday morning, too early for some, a multitude of Greeks had assembled for an annual event, regarded by many as the sporting event of the year. I am talking of none other than the GOSPYA-APYGON TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The venue for this year's tennis Mecca was Laff's Tennis Centre.

In the lead up to the event both teams were confident of an overall victory, although some were terribly optimistic. In any event the day turned out to be enjoyable for all.

The structure of the tournament consisted of three (3) divisions which were set out as follows:-

- (i) Mens Division 1 - 8 teams
- (ii) Mens Division 2 - 8 teams
- (iii) Womens Division 1 - 3 teams

Each match was played in doubles between each team from GOSPYA and each team from APYGON in every division. Once each team had played each other in the separate divisions the scores were added together from all games to produce an aggregate game score for both GOSPYA and APYGON, the winner having the most game points.

Things progressed in a rather disorganised fashion to begin with, however somehow the teams all ended up playing each other in their respective divisions.

Lunch soon came and there was no end to healthy appetites as all were treated to a barbecue lunch. The cooks for the day included many people with wide and varied experience, but special thanks to Yvonne Cayas and Jenny Sclavos for creating some control. Special thanks also goes to the following people for the assistance given:-

- (i) Mr and Mrs A Conias
- (ii) Mr and Mrs Bellas
- (iii) Mr and Mrs C Delibaltas

At days end all division matches had been played and on the addition of all the scores, APYGON had again captured the coveted trophy. All players are commended on a great effort, without your involvement the day would not have been a success. To all who supported the day in one way or another GOSPYA extends its thanks to you also.

My only regret for the day is that the social mixed doubles matches could not be held, due to the lack of time. Once again thanks goes to all who supported the tournament and made it a successful day for all, we hope to see such support at all our future functions.

PETER DELIBALTAS (Sports Chairman).

DATES NOT TO FORGET:

- Nov. 30 - TRIVIA NIGHT 4
- DEC. ~~16~~ - GOSPYA CAR RALLY
- DEC. 24 - TA KALANDA
(CHRISTMAS CAROLS)
- DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY
- DEC. 26 - BOXING DAY
- COMBINED FANCY DRESS
- DEC. 31 - NEW YEARS EVE
- JAN 1 - NEW YEARS DAY